GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4840
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EXTENSION OF TRAIN UPTO CHHAPRA JUNCTION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the protest from the people of south the Ganga Kaveri Express plying between Varanasi and Chennai has been extended up to Chhapra junction;

(b) if so, the reasons for the extension of the said train;

(c) whether the Railways propose to withdraw this extension and restore the service of Ganga Kaveri Express from Chennai to Varanasi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) In order to meet the demand for a direct train between Chhapra and Chennai, 2669/2670 Ganga Kaveri Express has been extended to Chhapra.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. Considering the high occupancy figures of this train, it is not desirable, at present, to short terminate the train at Varanasi.